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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6638

BILL NUMBER: HB 1106

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 4, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 26, 2003

SUBJECT: Volunteer Firefighter Training.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bottorff

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Sipes

BILL STATUS: As Passed - House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires successful completion of training on emergency response driving safety procedures for both full-time and volunteer firefighters. It also removes the hourly requirements for specific subject areas in conducting minimal basic firefighter training.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill would require additional training for full-time and volunteer firefighters on the topic of vehicle emergency response driving safety. The Board of Firefighting Personnel, Standards, and Education would be required to adopt rules for implementing the training. The Board may incur additional expenses between \$750 and \$800 if an additional meeting is required in order to adopt rules. The Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for providing the Board with facilities and staff and should be able to absorb the expenses associated with this provision given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The fiscal impact of including the driving safety topic in firefighter training may vary across fire departments depending on various factors, such as the level of instruction and other equipment or materials deemed necessary according to rules adopted by the Board. Removing the hourly requirements for the specific subject areas of training could result in reduced training expenses if the material is learned in a shorter amount of time.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of State Fire Marshal.

Local Agencies Affected: Volunteer Fire Departments.

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